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Mackay Gallery
reopens for
Russell’s 150th
birthday

The Montana Historical Society’s Mackay Gallery of C.M. Russell Art reopens March 14, with a gala celebration slated for March 19 in honor of Charlie Russell’s 150th birthday. Museum admission is free and birthday cake will be served all day.

A reception that night from 6-8 p.m. celebrates the re-vamped gallery and includes pre-publication sign-up for the Society’s forthcoming book on its Russell collection, *Montana’s Charlie Russell: Art in the Collection of the Montana Historical Society*.

The exhibit “Montana’s Territorial Legacy: The Montana Historical Society” opens May 22 and will commemorate the anniversary of the forming of the Montana Territory while celebrating 150 years of the Montana Historical Society, which was formed by the first Territorial Legislative Assembly. The Montana Historical Society is the oldest institution of its kind in the American West. It was founded in 1865 by a group of pioneers who believed that future generations would someday be interested in the early history of their newly formed territory. For more information, visit mhs.mt.gov.

ARTS CALENDAR, MARCH/APRIL

Helena (continued)

March 21

Muslim Journeys Lecture Series: The Children of Abraham - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-4340
Reading: Cheryl Strayed - 7 p.m., St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 406-447-1690

March 19

150th Anniversary of the Birth of Charlie Russell - 10 a.m., Montana Historical Society, 406-444-4713

March 20-22, 27-29

“Still Life With Iris” - 7:30 p.m., Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270

March 20

Lecture: “Taking Action: A Political History of Women in Montana” - 7-8 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-243-6022

March 22

Made in Montana Tradeshow - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds, 406-841-2757
Telluride Mountain Film Festival - Middle School, 406-387-3808

March 25

The Boys of Summer - An Eagles Tribute - 7:30 p.m., Gateway Center, Starz On Stage, 406-227-9711

March 28-29, April 4-6, 10-12

“Vanya and Sonia and Masha, and Spike” - 7:30 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287

March 29

Helena Symphony: “Myth and Mystery” - 7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-442-1860

April 4

Season Launch Party - 7 p.m., Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270

April 5

Spring Craft Show - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-449-7801

April 8

Empty Bowls - 4:30-7 p.m., Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds, 406-442-6800

April 10

An Evening with Montana’s Poet Laureate Tami Haaland - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-1690

April 11

Live! at the Civic: Off the Cuff - 7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-422-4083

April 12

Contra Dance - 8 p.m., Placer Hotel, 406-495-0935

April 12-13

Helena Gem and Mineral Show - Helena Civic Center, 406-442-1226

April 15

Special Editions Book Discussion: Cheryl Strayed - 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Library, 406-447-1690

April 19

Lucy Fradkin and Arthur Simms: Artist Talks - 10:30 a.m.-noon, Holter Museum of Art, 406-442-6400

April 23

An Evening with the Author Cheryl Strayed - 7 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-443-0287
“Chocolate Confessions” - 7:30 p.m., Gateway Center, Starz On Stage, 406-227-9711

April 25

Lecture: Richard Notkin - 7:30 p.m., Archie Bray Foundation, 406-443-3502

April 25-27, 30

“Les Miserables” - Grandstreet Theatre, 406-442-4270

April 25

Swing into Spring: “Rhinstones and Rodeo” - 5-10 p.m., Kleffner Ranch, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies-MT, 406-449-8611

April 26

Signing: David Abrams - 1-3 p.m., Montana Book and Toy Company, 406-443-0260
Uncorked - 6-10 p.m., Myrna Loy Center, 406-431-5923

April 30

Live! at the Civic: Side Street Strutters - 7:30 p.m., Helena Civic Center, 406-422-4083

Hobson

March 16-17

Trio Voronezh - 4 p.m., Hobson School, Judith Arts Society, 406-423-5332

Kalispell

March 6

Lecture: Denny Olson - 6:30 p.m., Conrad Mansion Museum, 406-755-2166

March 6, 13, 20

“Science Matters: Skepticism, Literacy, and the Search for Truth” - 6-7 p.m., Flathead Valley Community College, 406-243-6022

March 13

“Leaving a Legacy: Passing Wilderness on to the Next Generation” - 7-8:30 p.m., Flathead Valley Community College Arts and Technology Building, 406-756-3963
Symphony Soloist Spotlight: R. Carlos Nakai - 7 p.m., Alpine Light Ballroom, 406-407-7000

March 16

Glacier Symphony and Choral: “Canyon Reverie-Ancient Spring” - 3 p.m., Flathead High School Performance Hall, 406-407-7000



Trio Voronezh, a classically trained trio who play traditional Russian folk instruments, will perform in Ronan, Hobson, Eureka and Fort Benton.

March 20

Winter Art Maker Series: Mark Ogle - 5:30-7 p.m., Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268

March 22

Salvation Army Gala: “We Can Swing It” - 5-11 p.m., Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 406-257-4357 ext 237

March 28

Flathead Valley Jazz Society Dance - 7-10 p.m., Eagles Club, 406-862-3814

April 10

Lecture: “Hair Raising Encounters with Wildlife in Wilderness” - 7-8:30 p.m., Flathead Valley Community College Arts and Technology Building, 406-756-3963

April 12

Festival of Flavors: “Casablanca – The Dinner” - 6 p.m., FVCC Arts and Technology Building, 406-756-3632

April 25

Spring Roundup - 5 p.m.-midnight, Eagles Club, 406-862-3814
Symphony Soloist Spotlight: John Zoltek - 7 p.m., Alpine Light Ballroom, 406-407-7000

Lewistown

March 15

Diagenesis Duo - 4 p.m., Lewistown Art Center, 406-535-8278

March 27

Jesse Lynch’s Jazz 101 - 7:30 p.m., Fergus Center for the Performing Arts, Central Montana Community Concert Association, 406-535-8278

Libby

March 8

Libby Irish Fair and Concert - Memorial Center, 406-293-6407

Livingston

March 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23

“Brilliant Traces” - Blue Slipper Theatre, Park County Theatre Guild, 406-222-7720

March 13

Reading: Henry Real Bird - 7 p.m., Blue Slipper Theatre, Elk River Art and Lectures, 406-224-5802

March 14-16, 21-23, 28-30, April 4-6

“Les Miserables” - Shane Center for the Arts, 406-222-1420

April 3

Reading and Food Sampling: Carole Sullivan - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802

April 10

Reading: Deanne Stillman - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, Elk River Arts and Lectures, 406-224-5802

April 17

Reading: Elizabeth Eslami - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802

April 24

Reading: Walter Kirn - 7 p.m., Elk River Books, 406-224-5802

April 26

Railroad Show and Swap Meet - 3 p.m., Livingston Depot Center, 406-222-2300

Lolo

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Winter Storytelling Series - 11 a.m., Travelers’ Rest State Park, 406-273-4253

Malta

March 25

Chinook Winds - 7 p.m., High School, 406-489-4304

Miles City

March 14

Igor and Red Elvises - 8 p.m., Range Riders Museum, 406-853-4929

April 4

Eilen Jewell - 8 p.m., Range Riders Museum, Confluence Performing Arts, 406-232-6146

Missoula

March 1

Antique Faire - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Orchard Homes Country Life Club, 406-558-9014

March 1-2

“Peter and Wendy – A Fanciful Flight to Neverland” - 3 and 5 p.m., MCT Center for the Performing Arts, 406-728-1911

March 2

Sasha Starcevich, piano - 3 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-6880

March 3

Reading: Peter Stark - 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, 406-728-9380

March 4-8, 11-15

“Book of Days” - UM Masquer Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581

March 5

Umpfrey’s McGee - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

March 7

Christopher Kirkpatrick, clarinet - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-4581

March 7, April 4

First Friday - 5:30-9 p.m., downtown, 406-532-3240

March 7

International Fly Fishing Festival - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521
Merriam-Frontier Award Reading - 4:10-5 p.m., Mansfield Library, University of Montana, 406-243-5267

Red Shoe Ball - 6 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Ronald McDonald House, 406-541-7646

March 7, April 4

Spring Moon Square Dance - 8 p.m., Downtown Dance Collective, Old Time Montana, 206-227-4036

March 8

Fiesta for Flagship - 6 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 406-532-9825

March 8-9

Missoula Symphony: Bam! Beethoven - UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051

March 8

Zoo Music Awards Show - 7 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

March 11

Archie Bray Day - UM Social Science, Rm. 356, 406-243-4181
The Wailers - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

March 12

“The New American Militarism” - 8 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, President’s Lecture Series, 406-243-2419

March 15

Argentine Tango Night - 8 p.m., The Brick Room in the Downtown Dance Collective, Downtown Dance Collective, 406-541-7240
Odyssey of the Stars: “The Music Men” - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4990

March 18

Lecture: “Japanese Prints and Culture” - 7 p.m., UM Masquer Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-2019
Shpongole - 8 p.m., Wilma Theatre, 406-728-2521

March 19

World Music, Drumming and Dance featuring Okaidja, Shokoto and the Drum Brothers - 7:30 p.m., UM Dennison Theatre, 406-243-4051

March 19-22

Dance in Concert - 7:30 p.m., UM Montana Theatre, PARTV Center, 406-243-4581

March 21-23, 26-30

“Lend Me a Tenor” - MCT Center for the Performing Arts, 406-728-7529

March 21

Reading: Sherwin Bitsui - 7 p.m., Dell Brown Room, UM Turner Hall, 406-243-5267

March 22

Diagenesis Duo - 7:30 p.m., UM Music Recital Hall, 406-243-6880
Sip It: A Black Eye Affair Gala and Auction - 6:30 p.m., Garden City Funeral Home, 406-546-6880



Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild* and *Tiny Beautiful Things*, visits Helena in April. (Joni Kabana photo)